

By Vickey Daitan Dessity



SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO

DESERT DISTRICT

HI-DESERT COUNTY WATER DISTRICT,

Plaintiff,)

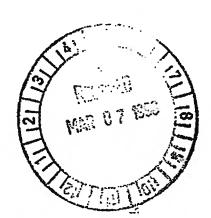
Defendants.

vs.

YUCCA WATER COMPANY, LTD.;
BLUE SKIES COUNTRY CLUB; THE
INSTITUTE OF MENTALPHYSICS;
ANGELINA BOVERI; JUDITH G.
BUCHANAN; ELMER F. CLOE;
MARJORIE L. CLOE; EDWARD T.
FICKLE; ALTA M. FICKLE;
RAYMOND M. FORD; EMMA L. FORD;)
KATHERINE M. HAMILTON; AGNES
K. LASLEY; ALBERT B. MACHADO;
ALMA NUCKOLLS (AKA ALMA
KATJE); ALBERT PAISO; MARY
JANE PUSEY; WARREN STOKER; AND)
PATRICIA TRIPP,

CASE NO. VCV 20368 (Formerly Case Nos. RCV 59718, SCV 172103, and MCV 198)

AMENDED JUDGMENT



The amendments herein to the Judgment entered in this action on September 16, 1977, are solely for the purpose of facilitating its filing in the official records of the San Bernardino County Recorder. The amendments herein are not intended to change the terms or effect of any final order which amends the Judgment entered in this action on September 16, 1977.

23

3

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

24

25 26

27

INTRODUCTION

- 1. <u>Pleadings, Parties and Jurisdiction</u>. The complaint herein was filed on July 1, 1976, seeking an adjudication of all or substantially all water rights within Warren Valley Basin. All defendants have appeared herein by stipulation, except for those defendants who have been dismissed. This Court has jurisdiction of the subject matter of this action and of the parties.
- 2. <u>Stipulation for Judgment</u>. A stipulation for judgment was filed on August 26, 1977, executed by all of the parties.
- Findings and Conclusions. Trial was had on September 7, 1977, and findings of fact and conclusions of law have been entered.
- 4. <u>Exhibits</u>. The following exhibits are attached to this Judgment and made a part hereof:
- "A" -- "General Location Map of Warren Valley Basin" showing relevant geographic, hydrologic and geologic features.
- 5. <u>Definitions</u>. As used in this Judgment, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
- (a) Annual or Year -- A calendar year, unless the context shall clearly indicate a contrary meaning.
 - (b) Blue Skies -- Blue Skies Country Club.
 - (c) <u>District</u> -- Hi-Desert County Water District.
- (d) <u>Ground Water</u> -- Water beneath the surface of the ground and within the zone of saturation, i.e., below the existing water table.
 - (e) Ground Water Basin -- An area underlain by one or

///

DECLARATION

A. HYDROLOGIC CIRCUMSTANCES

- desert ground water basin bounded on the north by the San
 Bernardino Mountains and the Pinto Mountain Fault, on the east by
 a zone of transition to Joshua Tree Subbasin, on the south by the
 Little San Bernardino Mountains and on the west by a natural
 topographic and ground water divide. The Basin contains a
 substantial quantity of ground water in storage. Average annual
 recharge and replenishment does not exceed 200 acre feet per year
 from precipitation on the basin and runoff from its limited
 watershed. The surface area of Warren Valley Basin is
 approximately 6,400 acres.
- 7. Common Source of Supply. Warren Valley Basin constitutes a common source of supply of water for lands overlying said basin. With the exception of irrigation use on its golf course by Blue Skies and overlying use by Institute, all use of water from the basin is for domestic and municipal purposes. There is no commercial agricultural or industrial use of water from the Basin.
- 8. Native Safe Yield and Overdraft. The native safe yield of Warren Valley Basin is approximately 200 acre feet per year. Present net consumptive use of Basin waters exceeds substantially said native safe yield. The basin is, and for more than five years prior to filing of the Complaint herein has been, in a condition of overdraft. It is presently estimated that ground water supplies of the Basin are sufficient to meet the needs of

the projected overlying population only until about the period 1990 to 2000. Supplemental water will, accordingly, be required to meet water demands of the Basin in future years.

- 9. Prescription. The taking of water by the parties hereto has been open, notorious, continuous, hostile, adverse and under claim of right for more than five years prior to filing of the Complaint herein. Said condition of overdraft of Warren Valley Basin has been a matter of common knowledge and all parties and overlying property owners have had notice of said condition during said period of years.
- 10. Zone of Transmission. The area underlying Section 28, Township 1 North, Range 6 East, S.B.B. & M., constitutes a zone of transmission. To the extent that water production overlying said area merely intercepts the outflow from the Warren Valley Basin, such production does not have a significant effect on the ground water of the Basin. It is estimated that such outflow does not have a significant effect on the ground water of the Basin. It is estimated that such outflow does not exceed 80 acre feet per year and that production within said zone of transition up to 80 acre feet should be exempt from obligations, if any, to be imposed under the physical solution hereunder.

B. WATER RIGHTS

11. Overlying Rights. The following parties own lands overlying Warren Valley Basin. By reason of production of water. from the Basin during the period 1970-1975, each of said parties has preserved by self help the overlying right to produce up to the quantity of water herein set forth:

28 ///

y = ==================================		Macure of Ose
Blue Skies	585 Acre feet/year	Golf Course
Angelina Boveri	1 acre foot/year	Domestic - Minimal
Judith G. Buchanan	1 acre foot/year	Domestic - Minimal
Elmer F. Cloe	1 acre foot/year	Domestic - Minimal
Marjorie L. Cloe	1 acre foot/year	Domestic - Minimal
Alta M. Fickle	1 acre foot/year	Domestic - Minimal
Edward T. Fickle	1 acre foot/year	Domestic - Minimal
Emma L. Ford	1 acre foot/year	Domestic - Minimal
Raymond M. Ford	1 acre foot/year	Domestic - Minimal
Kate Hamilton	1 acre foot/year	Domestic - Minimal
Agnes Lasley	1 acre foot/year	Domestic - Minimal
Albert M. Machado	1 acre foot/year	Domestic - Minimal
Alma Nuckolls (AKA	8	94
Alma Katje)	1 acre foot/year	Domestic - Minimal
Albert Paiso	1 acre foot/year	Domestic - Minimal
Mary Jane Pusey	1 acre foot/year	Domestic - Minimal
Warren Stoker	1 acre foot/year	Domestic - Minimal
Patricia Tripp	1 acre foot/year	Domestic - Minimal
(a) <u>Self He</u>	<u>lp</u> . By reason of the p	rescriptive
circumstances found in Paragraph 9 hereof, said overlying rights		
have been prescripted and are thereby limited to the extent of		
such maximum annual self help by production during the		
prescriptive period. Said rights remain overlying in character,		

Overlying Right

Name

· 12

(b) <u>Prescription Against Unused Overlying Rights</u>. By reason of said prescriptive circumstances, all unexercised

and as such may only be exercised except for reasonable overlying

uses on the lands now owned by said parties.

12. Appropriative Rights. Appropriative rights to the waters of Warren Valley Basin have been perfected by District and Utility. By stipulation of said parties, said appropriative rights shall be deemed, and are hereby decreed, to be of equal priority. Said appropriative rights are exempt from prescription by reason of Section 1007 of the California Civil Code. The respective quantities of said rights are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	Appropriative Right
District	896 acre feet/year
Utility	726 acre feet/year

overlies the Zone of Transmission. Because production in said zone of not more than 80 acre feet per year has no significant effect on the ground waters of the Basin, Institute is accorded the right to produce up to 80 acre feet per year under this Judgment without liability for costs or assessments under any physical solution which may be adopted. To the extent that Institute's production exceeds 80 acre feet per year, Institute shall be subject to the physical solution imposed herein for all such excess production.

III

INJUNCTION

14. <u>Injunction Against Unauthorized Production</u>. Each party, to whom rights to waters of Warren Valley Basin have been declared and decreed herein, together with its officers, agents,

. 9

employees, successors, assigns, heirs, administrators, executors, lessees and licensees, is ENJOINED AND RESTRAINED from producing water therefrom, except pursuant to the rights herein decreed or pursuant to the provisions of any physical solution which may be adopted under this Judgment.

IV

CONTINUING JURISDICTION

authority are retained and reserved to the Court for the purpose of enabling the Court upon application of any party or of the Watermaster, by motion and upon at least 30 days' notice thereof, and after hearing thereon, to make such further or supplemental orders or directions as may be necessary or appropriate for interpretation, enforcement or carrying out of this Judgment, and to modify, amend or amplify any of the provisions of this Judgment whenever substantial changes or developments affecting the physical, hydrologic or other conditions dealt with herein may, in the Court's opinion, justify or require such modification, amendment or amplification.

V

WATERMASTER

16. <u>Watermaster Appointment</u>. Hi-Desert County Water District, acting by and through its board of directors, is hereby appointed Watermaster, to administer and enforce the provisions of this Judgment and any subsequent instructions or orders of the Court hereunder.

27 ///

28 | ///

5

6 7

8

10

11

- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16
- 17
- 18
- 19
- 20
- 21
- 22 23
- 24
- 25
- 26
- 27

28

· PHYSICAL SOLUTION

- Need for Physical Solution. In order that the Court may assure maximum beneficial use of the water resources of Warren Valley Basin in accordance with Section 2 of Article X of the California Constitution, it is necessary that a physical solution be developed and implemented under the continuing jurisdiction heretofore reserved. Said physical solution is required because:
- Safe Yield Operations Are Inappropriate. Warren Valley Basin is a desert ground water basin. It has only a nominal annual replenishment from native waters. To restrict production of the basin to its native safe yield would frustrate all development and use of its resources. The Basin contains substantial supplies of ground water as a result of recharge over geologic time. The overlying economy is dependent upon controlled mining of such water in storage.
- Supplemental Water. (b) In the ultimate development of the lands overlying Warren Valley Basin, supplemental water supplies will be required. To that end, the lands overlying the Basin were included within Mojave Water Agency, which has a contractual right to purchase supplemental water from the State Water Resources System. In addition, salvage conservation and reclamation may well afford additional supplemental water.
- Need for Funding. Supplemental water, although (c) legally available to the Basin as aforesaid, is not physically or economically available at present. Delivery facilities will require extensive engineering studies, negotiations with other

interested agencies, and, most of all, financial arrangements within the capacity of the landowners and water users of Warren Valley Basin. The economy which is built during the period of controlled mining of said basin must ultimately be committed to payment of such supplemental water costs.

18. Watermaster to Formulate Proposal. Watermaster is hereby authorized and instructed to formulate and submit to the Court and the parties on or before July 31, 1978, a plan and program for a physical solution herein, together with appropriate provisions for Watermaster administration thereof; provided, however, that the Court hereby finds that it is inappropriate to burden minimal producers with administrative costs, report requirements or assessments so long as the production of any such party is for domestic use and in annual quantities of less than one acre foot (325,851 U.S. gallons). After submission of Watermaster's proposal, Court will, upon notice and after hearing, adopt a physical solution in the exercise of its continuing jurisdiction herein.

VII

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

19. Service Upon and Delivery to Parties of Various Papers. Service of the Judgment on those parties who have executed the Stipulation for Judgment shall be made by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the designee and at the address designated for that purpose in the executed and filed Counterpart of the Stipulation for Judgment, or in any substitute designation filed with the Court.

Each party who has not heretofore made such a designation

shall, within thirty (30) days after the Judgment shall have been served upon that party, filed with the Court, with proof of service of a copy upon the Watermaster, a written designation of the person to whom and the address at which all future notices, determinations, requests, demands, objections, reports and other papers and processes to be served upon that party or delivered to that party are to be so served or delivered.

A later substitute designation filed and served in the same manner by any party shall be effective from the date of filing as to then future notices, determinations, requests, demands, objections, reports and other papers and process to be served upon or delivered to the party.

Delivery to or service upon any party by the Watermaster, by any other party, or by the Court, of any item required to be served upon or delivered to a party under or pursuant to the Judgment may be by deposit in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, addressed to the designee and at the address in the latest designation filed by that party.

- 20. <u>Judgment Binding on Successors</u>. This Judgment and all provisions hereof are applicable to and binding upon not only the parties to this action, but also upon their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns, lessees and licensees and upon the officers, agents, employees and attorneys in fact of all such parties.
- 21. <u>Costs</u>. No party shall recover any costs in this proceeding from any other party.

Dated: 3/12/94

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

GENERAL LOCATION MAP
WARREN VALLEY BASIN
DELETED FOR PURPOSES OF RECORDATION
PURSUANT TO SAN BERNARDINO SUPERIOR
COURT ORDER ENTERED IN THIS
ACTION ON JULY 29, 1993

PROPERTY OWNED BY PRODUCERS ENTITLED TO EXERCISE OVERLYING RIGHTS PURSUANT TO THE JUDGMENT ENTERED IN

HI-DESERT COUNTY WATER DISTRICT V. YUCCA WATER COMPANY, LTD., ET AL., SAN BERNARDINO SUPERIOR COURT CASE NO. 172103

A1 •	
PARTY'S NAME	ASSESSOR PARCEL NOS. OF OVERLYING LAND OWNED AT TIME OF ENTRY OF JUDGMENT ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1977
Blue Skies Country Club, a California corporation	594-031-09; 594-031-23; 594-041-34; 594-041-35; 586-031-36
Angelina Boveri	601-122-17; 601-101-02; 598-021-26
Judith G. Buchanan	None
Elmer F. Cloe and Marjorie L. Cloe	601-101-67; 601-101-68; 601-101-69; 601-101-70
Edward T. Fickle and Alta M. Fickle	601-101-43; 601-101-47
Raymond M. Ford and Emma L. Ford	594-041-10
Katherine M. Hamilton	594-051-22
Agnes K. Lasley	594-031-04
Albert B. Machado	594-051-16
Alma Nuckolls (aka Alma Katje)	594-051-19; 586-075-10; 586-102-32; 586-031-38; 586-031-15; 586-102-02; 586-041-04; 586-061-44
Albert Paiso	594-041-20
Mary Jane Pusey	586-061-01
Warren Stoker	586-061-16
Patricia Tripp	594-051-20
Alma M. Katje, Katherine M. Hamilton, and Patricia H. Tripp	594-051-02; 594-051-01

EXHIBIT "B"